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MEMORANDUM

Date: April 30, 2021

To: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

From: Blair Stringham, Migratory Game Bird Program Coordinator

Subject: WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT AREA AND CRANE HUNT AREA RECOMMENDATIONS

In 2021, the Utah Legislature passed House Bill 295, which prohibits commercial hunting guides and outfitters from using waterfowl management areas without a permit, prohibits the construction of new blinds on waterfowl management areas, and authorizes the Wildlife Board to make rules regarding the creation and management of waterfowl management areas.

Based on feedback from a recent survey, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources is recommending the following changes to R657-9:

- 1- Creation of regulations to not allow guiding on waterfowl management areas.
- 2- Creation of a permit process to allow for guides to use waterfowl management areas to access non-division lands.

In addition, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources is recommending the following:

- 1- Adding Duchesne County to the Uintah County Hunt Area for sandhill crane.
- 2- Defining dog use, shot types and firearm use on Utah Lake Wetland Preserve (R657-6 and 9).
- 3- Prohibiting the construction of new blinds on waterfowl management areas (R657-9).

